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AFTERNOON WIRE COVERAGE, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

FOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

1. REUTERS (NELSON) REPORTS HAK-FAHMY MEETING AMID SIGNS THAT EGYPT AGREES WITH US ON HOW TO PROCEED TOWARD ME PEACE SETTLEMENT, FOR MOMENT AVOIDING BOTH GENEVA CONFERENCE AND IMMEDIATE DISCUSSION OF PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. CITES "SENIOR US OFFICIAL" SAYING HAK IS PROPOSING FOUR METHODS FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS: (1) ME FONMINS TO COME TO WASHINGTON; (2) LOWER-LEVEL OFFICIALS COME TO WASHINGTON; (3) BI-LATERAL TALKS AT SOME BORDER, AS KILOMETER 101 TALKS BEFORE; (4) ANOTHER US OFFICIAL, POSSIBLY SISCO, TO SHUTTLE BETWEEN ME CAPITALS.

SUBSEQUENT REUTERS ACCOUNT MENTIONS "MARATHON" HAK-SADAT MEETING AS PICTURE FOR "RENEWED ME PEACE EFFORT BEGAN TO TAKE ROUGH SHAPE." REITERATES GENEVA BYPASS AND SAYS CONCENTRATION WOULD BE ON "LOW-LEVEL NEGOTIATIONS"

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BETWEEN ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS" TO WASH OUT

FURTHER ISRAELI SINAI WITHDRAWALS.

2. UPI QUOTES KISSINGER AFTER MEETING WITH FAHMY: "WE ARE WORKING FAST", MOVING AHEAD ON GROUNDWORK FOR PEACE

TALKS. CITES EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS WITH POSSIBLE FUTURE MOVES IN FOLLOWING ORDER: (1) FURTHER ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL IN SINAI; (2) DISENGAGEMENT ON ISRAELI-JORDANIAN BORDER, AFTER PLO-JORDAN QUARREL IS SETTLED, POSSIBLY AT RABAT; (3) FURTHER ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ON SYRIAN BORDER; (4) FURTHER CONTACTS BY US, ARAB AND ISRAELI LEADERS AFTER RABAT SUMMIT. US FORMULA OUTLINED EARLIER APPEARED ACCEPTABLE TO EGYPTIAN SOURCES. KISSINGER SAID TO HAVE SEPARATED OIL AND PEACE EFFORTS, SAYING US MADE NO THREAT AGAINST ARAB NATIONS OVER OIL PRICES.

3. AP CARRIED AFTERNOON REPORT OF HAK MEETING WITH FAHMY AND SUBSEQUENT SIGHTSEEING. SCHWEID'S OVERNIGHT LEAD (IF ANY) NOT AVAILABLE TO US.

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